# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:580
ANSWERED ON:31.08.2001
STEALING FOODGRAINS FROM GODOWNS OF FCI
DUKHA BHAGAT

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a large quantity of foodgrain was stolen from the godowns of FCI during the last three years;

(b) if so, the estimated value of foodgrains stolen alongwith its quantity, item-wise as on date;

(c) whether the Union Government have taken any meausres to prevent recurrence of such thefts in the godowns of FCI;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION ( SHRI SHANTA KUMAR )

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 580 FOR ANSWER ON 31-08-2001 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): The quantity of foodgrains stolen from the godowns of FCI during the last three years is as under:-

| Year/Commodity | Quantity involved (In MTs) | Amount involved(In Rupees ) |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-99 | | |
| Wheat | 86.305 | 6,47,525 |
| Rice | 21.520 | 1,26,787 |
| Paddy | | |
| Total | 107.825 | 7,74,312 |
| 1999-2000 | | |
| Wheat | 93.265 | 5,38,521 |
| Rice | 42.835 | 4,21,897 |
| Paddy | 26.260 | 1,73,379 |
| Total | 162.360 | 11,33,797 |
| 2000-2001 | | |
| Wheat | 153.065 | 10,82,033 |
| Rice | 50.785 | 4,25,624 |
| Paddy | 59.940 | 3,82,397 |
| Total | 263.790 | 18,90,054 |

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The measures taken to prevent thefts in FCI godowns include, inter alia, the following:

(i) Deployment of Central Industrial Security Force and State Armed Police at vulnerable godowns.

(ii) Deployment of Security staff of FCI as well as other Agencies like Homeguards, Special Police Officers and Private Security Guards, wherever necessary, for the safety of godowns.

(iii) Provision of barbed wire fencing on boundary walls and streetlights for illumination of godowns.

(iv) Inspection of depots at various levels to detect and plug security lapses.

(v) Appropriate penal action, including recovery, against the officials found guilty.

(e): Does not arise.